

Hello,

I'm a Montessori elementary teacher and part of our curriculum requires small groups of children to be able to extend their learning outside the classroom (in addition to and beyond whole class field trips). CT is not an easy state to make that happen. You always have to have a car, requiring an adult driver which is exponentially more complex because so many families that send their children to the same school live driving distance away from each other, and thus are less likely to know each other. Thus they don't feel comfortable putting their kids in each other's cars. The bus is the only way to go, but our state does not fund public transportation well enough for us to really get kids to all the places they'd like to explore.

Please pass this bill and any others that increase density in our state in a smart and efficient way, don't drag this out.

I'm also a farmer, I recently bought 2 acres in Bloomfield. My neighbors are not farmers though, they all own 1+ acres that 99% of them, bless their hearts, just mow as grass. This is terrible for the insects that we need to pollinate our food. Plus the loud sound of large lawn mowers zooming around, spring, summer and fall. Burning fossil fuels. And I would guess at least half of them douse these barren zones with pesticides to add insult to injury.

Please pass this bill.

Thanks,

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